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## City Officials Celebrate Completion of Genesee Avenue Widening Project

SAN DIEGO – Today Mayor Jerry Sanders, Council President Scott Peters, Councilmember Brian Maienschein, and community and business leaders celebrated the completion of the Genesee Avenue Widening Project with an 11:00 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony at Scripps Campus, on the corner of Scripps Hospital Drive and Genesee Avenue.

The \$4.2 million project, which was finished by the Engineering and Capital Improvements Projects Department on time, expanded Genesee Avenue from four to six lanes between Campus Point Drive and the Interstate 5 interchange. Turn lanes for vehicles entering and exiting the hospital campus and employment centers along Campus Point were added, medians and sidewalks were upgraded, and landscaping was included. "The University City Planning Group, UCSD, Scripps Memorial Hospital, SAIC, and Nissan Design America deserve thanks for their support and advocacy on behalf of the project," said Council President Peters.

Genesee Avenue, one of the most heavily traveled roads in District One, is also home to several of the region's most successful academic institutions and technology, healthcare and biotech research companies. Prior to this construction, some companies had had to stagger work schedules and offer flexible hours. "The traffic situation was untenable, and we're pleased with this improvement," said Peters. "Our next goal is to secure state and federal funds to reconstruct the bridge so it can accommodate this area's continued growth."